

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A method for inhibiting the recruitment ~~and the activation of~~ neutrophils causative of an inflammatory reaction in a human individual ~~in need~~, said method comprising administering to said individual an antibody against a extracellular S100A8 protein ~~and an antibody against extracellular S100A9 protein~~, thereby inhibiting the recruitment ~~and the activation of~~ said neutrophils of said individual.

Claim 2. (Previously cancelled)

Claim 3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said recruitment ~~and said activation of~~ neutrophils is ~~associated with~~ causative of an inflammatory reaction selected from the group consisting of arthritis, chronic polyarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, asthma, psoriasis, tumor-induced inflammatory diseases, postinfectious arthritis, seronegative spondylarthritis, vasculitis, sarcoidosis, arthrosis, and graft rejection.

Claim 4. (Previously cancelled)

Claim 5. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said administration is selected from the group consisting of: intravenous, oral, intranasal, subcutaneous, topically and intraperitoneal administration.

Claim 6. (Cancelled) The method of claim 1, wherein said individual is a human or an animal.

Claim 7. (Cancelled) The method of claim 6, wherein said animal is a mammal.

Claims 8 to 13. (Previously cancelled)

Claim 14 (New) A method for the treatment of gout comprising administering intravenously or subcutaneously to a human a therapeutically effective amount of an antibody directed against S100A8 protein in combination with an antibody directed against S100A9 protein.